



Master of Science in Nursing

FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

Become an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse.

Family Nurse Practitioners (FNPs) perform an increasingly vital role in today's evolving healthcare system, serving as primary and specialty care providers to millions of patients. They assess patients, diagnose illness, create treatment plans, write prescriptions, and bring a holistic perspective to healthcare. FNPs often specialize in areas like family care, adult and geriatric care, women's health, and pediatrics, and the demand for qualified FNPs is skyrocketing.

WGU's online MSN-FNP program is designed for licensed RNs who hold a BSN degree. Our curriculum provides the specialized educational and clinical training required to sit for the FNP national certification exam.

About the program.

WGU developed this competency-based graduate program for nurses ready to transition into advanced clinical practice, delivering care to individuals, families, and communities. The competencies you will master as you earn this degree are consistent with the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF). You will build the credentials to work as a Family Nurse Practitioner in a variety of settings, including

- Primary care clinics
- Hospitals
- Outpatient care centers
- Community clinics
- Speciality care clinics
- Retail clinics
- Nursing care facilities
- Long-term care facilities

What you'll learn.

WGU's MSN-FNP program focuses on combining your nursing experience and people skills with organizational prowess and business knowledge to help patients and transform lives. You will learn how to evaluate and diagnose patients, write prescriptions, and bring a comprehensive approach to healthcare. You will be expected to

- Advocate for and recommend policies that lead to improved health outcomes in patients and populations.
- Analyze data to mitigate public health threats and prevent disease.
- Determine how informatics can be optimized to improve the patient experience and lower healthcare costs.
- Demonstrate skills and competencies to recognize disease states and progression, assess and evaluate symptoms, and diagnose conditions for patients across the lifespan.
- Describe the pathophysiology of disease processes to providers and consumers and utilize this knowledge to correctly diagnose disease.
- Apply pharmacotherapeutics to a variety of simulated case studies by matching consumers and their underlying conditions with the appropriate medication.

Program details.

WGU's online MSN-FNP program consists of 16 courses and 48 competency units (CUs), our equivalent to the traditional credit hour. The degree path is designed to be completed in five six-month terms, but you can graduate even sooner by advancing through coursework at a faster pace. This program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

Key courses.

- Advanced Health Assessment for the Advanced Practice Nurse
- Advanced Pathophysiology for the Advanced Practice Nurse
- Advanced Pharmacology for the Advanced Practice Nurse
- Adult Primary Care for the Advanced Practice Nurse
- Pediatric Primary Care for the Advanced Practice Nurse
- Special Populations Primary Care for the Advanced Practice Nurse
- Health Promotion of Patients and Populations Across the Lifespan

Our curriculum also includes internship experiences to be completed in a precepted clinical setting. You will combine competencies developed in the core and speciality coursework to deliver evidence-based primary care to individuals, families, and populations across the lifespan.

Why earn your degree at WGU?

Online and flexible.

You can earn this highly respected bachelor's degree on your terms. You'll study whenever and wherever works best for you while managing your existing job and family responsibilities. Your effort, not a semester timetable, determines the pace of your progress.

Accredited and respected.

WGU degree programs hold the same accreditation as other state and local universities. WGU has been recognized by the White House, the Department of Education, and a number of agencies and associations as well as news media.

Affordable tuition.

Tuition for this program (including a clinical placement fee) is \$5,395 per six-month term, regardless of the number of courses you complete. Federal financial aid and scholarships are available to qualified students. This affordable tuition allows many students to graduate with little or no new student debt.

Faculty support.

While you will do your coursework and even take exams online, you won't be alone. From the first day, you'll have regular, one-to-one support from a Program Mentor, and in each course, you'll work with a Course Instructor who is an expert in the subject matter.

About WGU.

WGU is a nonprofit university committed to providing accessible, affordable, high-quality education that meets the needs of working adults by offering online degree programs that are respected, recognized, and accredited. Our programs deliver superior results by preparing students to excel in the workplace with "prove what you know" competency-based learning and personalized faculty support.

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